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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
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The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
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AND KORE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1894.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
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having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed, that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SABSOON, BORN & Co.,
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 Hongkong, 3rd December, 1894.

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Early on the morning of the 20th of November the Japanese troops advanced in force on the open plain of the Kanto region. They were met by their engagement with the Chinese to the place about noon. All the plans of the Japanese appear to have been carefully made, and they were carried out with admirable method and precision; there was no confusion, no hurry, but a steady progress. At the first demand, each position was taken in order, and a parallel made to meet the determined opposition expected. The Japanese evidently recognized that a very difficult task lay before them, far exceeding the resistance they had met with. In their victorious progress throughout the day, they were not without some reverses, but that the most serious fighting took place and it was not until late in the afternoon that these were carried and the Japanese forces were in complete possession of the heights which surrounded the fort. At five o'clock the Japanese commenced the assault on the fort's defenses, and met with heavy fire from the fort and entrenchments, and this lasted till darkness set in, when all firing ceased. In the meantime the Japanese fleet was lying off Port Arthur, and the torpedo boats were busily engaged in making the night attack, and the Japanese were to make the troops in the attack were over it was possible. The assault was resumed on the fort with energy throughout the attacking line, and gradually but surely defenses after defense was carried till the harbor fort was surrounded. The first, during this day, passed into the hands of the Japanese, and the second, and third, of the main force shelled some of the forts against which the troops were advancing, but owing to the long range at which they were successfully engaged their assistance was not very noticeable. The day passed over to the westward with a heavy rain, at a moderate distance from the shore, their fleet, from which several torpedoes were fired at the Japanese fleet.

of these ships fell very near, none hit any of the Japanese vessels, and no reply was made by them. The torpedo boats were active in preventing the escape of the Chinese vessels from the harbour. A steam launch tried to get away but was discovered and fired at by the harbour gun. It is said that the Chinese who were in her ran her ashore light under the battery, but the Japanese torpedo boats pluckily ran in under the battery guns and blew up the launch, escaping unharmed owing to the wild firing of the Chinese gunners. Towards evening the Chinese generally had fled fighting enough and got away in the various boats, but they were seen to be in the various forts by the Japanese and five along the road that led to Tientsin, so that the Japanese took possession of the most heavily armed forts without any opposition at all, and by dusk were in complete possession of the forts, dockyard, and harbour. The Chinese fled to the Tientsin road pursued by the Japanese, whose cavalry, artillery, and infantry worked havoc with the panic-stricken mob, and in the confusion of this retreat no doubt many non-combatants were slain. The fleeing Chinese troops were making their way towards Newchwang, and when passing Tientsin were attacked by the Japanese garrison there, and though many were killed, many more were successful in breaking through the opposition they met with, and are perhaps now in full flight across Manchuria. On the 22nd all was quiet, and the Japanese were busy engaged in overhauling the enormous quantities of war material of all descriptions which they had acquired with comparative ease, and when the forts were visited by foreigners three days afterwards, everything was found to be in such order that it appeared as if Port Arthur had been a Japanese fortress and garrison for years.

The Japanese troops were highly creditable to the Japanese, the display of their astounding success with quiet dignity, and that no bragging claim was shown, though their well-organised attack and splendid victory would have fully justified self glorification.

The officers of the U.S.S. Porpoise, which vessel arrived at Shanghai from Chefoo on the afternoon of November 20th, gave some interesting details of the attack on Port Arthur to a representative of the Mercury, from which we extract the following:

Concerning the attack on shore by the Japanese the officers of the Porpoise saw little. They walked over the place the next day, (November 22nd) and from what they learnt from the Japanese accounts, and the evidence before them, they arrived at the conclusion that the Japanese army advanced on the trenches with due caution; and with rapidity. At the finish there must have been a stampede among the Chinese to escape to the hills. The natural defences on the land side of Port Arthur were all in the favour of the Chinese, and everything that the Japanese could do to get to the shore was a matter of great difficulty. The Japanese had to be defended by admirably situated trenches, and wherever the ground seemed suitable, the Chinese had mounted excellent Krupp field-guns. In spite of this admirable position the Chinese it would appear did not make any stand whatever. All along the trenches were cases of cartridges, the majority of which were hardly touched. From these trenches the inner fort on the ground was scattered over with unopened boxes of ammunition, and all kinds of arms, and this spectacle was everywhere to be seen within the Chinese lines.

There is no doubt that the Chinese ran away as soon as the Japanese advanced. The confusion of everything testified that. The Japanese were perfectly content in taking it. They did not really care to place on Tientsin, but several of the Porpoise officers were told by Japanese officers that it was merely a reconnoitring movement, and they had 300 men killed and wounded on that occasion.

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Court officers told one of the British officers that the Japanese army that captured the forts consisted of about 10,000 men. The Porpoise officers said there could have been nothing like 20,000 Chinese soldiers within Port Arthur. At the outside, judging from what they saw and the size of the forts, they did not believe the Chinese garrison amounted to more than 6,000 men.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE FAR EAST.

Per P. and O. steamer *Himalaya*, from London, November 9th.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. Maiden and child. To Shanghai: Mrs. James Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Molland and three children, Miss L. E. Ramsay, Captain Dunlop. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Pauline, Miss and Master Pauline, Mrs. Vernon, Mrs. and Miss Kyles, Miss H. A. Corneille, Mr. A. Scott, Miss L. E. Ramsay, Surgeon B. P. Farley, R.N., To Singapore: Miss Lowndes, Lady Harriett Cope, Mr. J. Miles, Mr. B. L. Frost. To Penang: Mr. Freeman. From Brindisi, November 18th.—To Yokohama: Count C. Verdel Lecherbon, Baron V. Lerch, Baron G. Ledeborsky. To Hongkong: Mr. G. Stewart, Mr. A. Majer. To Penang: Sir Charles Hartley.

Per P. and O. steamer *Suffolk*, from London, Nov. 15.—To Yokohama, via Bombay: Mr. J. C. Abell, Mrs. J. Dadds and child, Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls. To Shanghai: Mrs. Cowper. To Hongkong: Mr. Marshall.

Per P. and O. steamer *Baltic*, from London, Nov. 20.—To Yokohama: Mr. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fyfe, Mr. and Mrs. Wood and three children, Mr. R. Brough, Miss Margaret Park. From Australia.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

Per P. and O. steamer *Arctica*, from London, December 7th.—To Yokohama: Mr. Gerald Lowndes, Miss Gerald Lowndes. To Shanghai: Dr. A. T. Komber.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yarrow*, from Marseilles, November 11th.—To Yokohama: Mr. Thom's, Mr. Fukuma, Mr. R. Duffell, To Shanghai: Mr. Cowper, Mr. Steiner, Mr. Tchang, Mr. Wong, Mr. Yane. To Hongkong: Mr. H. R. Buder, Mr. C. Platt.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Natal*, from Marseilles, Nov. 25th.—To Yokohama: Mrs. Bayne.

Per Glen Line steamer *Glanthol*, from London, October 30th.—To Shanghai: Rev. and Mrs. Owen, Rev. and Mrs. C. Coxon and infant. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Duggan, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Master Herbert Duggan, Miss Johnston, Miss Sadler, Miss Stewart, R. W. J. Morris, Rev. H. Stevens, Mrs. Fahmy and infant.

Per Canadian Pacific steamer *Empress of China*, from Vancouver, Dec. 10.—To Hongkong: Mr. Lowin Adler, Mr. T. D. Rust, Mr. R. H. M. Rust.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were "crowded out" of last night's issue:—

PARIS, October 31st.

Heavy rainstorms during the last few days have caused floods in the north of France. In the departments of Pas de Calais and Nord thousands of acres are under water. Many villages have been rendered uninhabitable and hundreds of peasants have been driven from their farms. In the neighbourhood of Lille thousands of Armenians the water is three feet deep. The factories in Roubaix and other industrial towns have been stopped by rising floods. Their looms are idle and nearly 200,000 operatives are out of work.

Many miles of railway tracks have been undermined or submerged, and trains are run only with great irregularity. In the valley of the Moselle hundreds of cattle have been killed and bridges and barns near the banks have been swept away. Accidents have been reported from all parts of the flooded districts.

The *Gaulois* prints a story with reservations, alleging that Signor Crispien, having become burdened with political and financial troubles, is preparing to make a desperate coup, the occasion being favourable, owing to the general feeling of alarm in the neighbourhood of Lille, Toulon, and Armentières, where the water is three feet deep. The factories in Roubaix and other industrial towns have been stopped by rising floods. Their looms are idle and nearly 200,000 operatives are out of work.

A special dispatch from London says: Lord Rosebery this afternoon received the freedom of the city of Bristol, where he afterward unveiled a statue of Edmund Burke.

In speaking of Burke the Prime Minister attributed his greatness of character to the fact that he loved reform and hated revolution. Politicians, he said, would derive good consolation from studying his life.

BERLIN, October 31st.

An order has been issued by the Government to establish an Agricultural Bureau in connection with the German Embassies in London, Washington, Paris, Vienna and St. Petersburg. The step is looked upon as an evidence that a stricter protective agrarian policy is to be pursued.

It is reported here that a German syndicate will shortly place a Chinese gold loan in Berlin and London.

ATHENS, October 31st.

An official examination shows that the Parthenon was seriously damaged by the earthquake that occurred last spring. The structure is reported to be in a dangerous condition, and measures to restore it will be taken at once.

BERLIN, November 1st.

The *Kreuz Zeitung* (Catholic-Conservative) says that at the next session of the Reichstag the Conservatives intend to urge a reform in sugar taxation.

ROME, November 2nd.

The Pope has decided to refuse Emil Zola, the French author, an audience under any conditions.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), November 2nd.

Lord Aberdeen visited the public schools, hospitals and the steamer *Empress of Japan* today. Tomorrow the party will leave for Victoria.

LONDON, November 3rd.

London has by no means seen the end of the social purity agitation matter. This week it has gone to the litigation stage and there is no knowing what this will lead to. The managers of the Empire Music Hall allege that they are victims of an illegal conspiracy, in which the members of the County Council, which is the licensing body, were associated with the purveyors.

The *Journal*, at an *ex parte* hearing, issued a mandamus summoning the members of the County Council to show cause why they should not be compelled to revise their action. Meanwhile the Empire remains closed.

The Albion, a rival house on the other side of the square, has been thronged nightly this week by not only its usual frequenters of the demi-monde, but by their evicted sisters from the Empire. The other licensed resorts also profit by the display of spite into which the Council was betrayed by the angry opposition to the decision of their licensing committee.

Henry Irving writes an energetic protest against the gratification of the County Council's ambition to extend its jurisdiction to theatres in addition to music halls. He says: "I hold that there is no possible reason that the Council should have such power, for discipline has been excellent under the Lord Chamberlain's control, and the managers of theatres, as distinguished from other places of amusement, have in this respect been always well in advance of any requirements which could be made upon them. It was David Garrick who abolished the footman's free gallery, which had, through its hawking, become a nuisance. It was Macready who did away with the promenade in the Drury Lane Theatre long before any public comment had been made upon the scandal of it."

According to reports published to-day the prospects of the passage of any Home Rule measure are very slim indeed. Timothy Healy is said to have definitely cut loose from Messrs. McCarthy and Dillon, and it is added that he will carry away with him at the outset about 100,000 votes. The many men as the Parnellites reckon in their ranks.

This, the Healyites claim, will be only a nucleus of the membership their party will eventually have. The top-of-war will come at the general election. The Healyites will have a new nucleus and the bulk of the money provided by the Irish farmers, who have been the backbone of the Nationalist movement, will become Tories, as they are gradually getting what they want in regard to land, and the increased traffic upon the Irish railways shows that they are prospering.

An interview to-day with Volodykoff, the Nihilist leader, who agreed with the statements made by Stolypin yesterday evening. Volodykoff said: "I do not regard the personality of the Czar as of great importance at the present moment. I am convinced that the up-heaval of political spirits in Russian society is such that no Czar will be able to stop the great events. If the Czar wants to show new policy the best thing he has to do is to grant

amnesty to the political prisoners now in Siberia and elsewhere. The present form of opposition in Russia is essentially drawn from that which prevailed in the second half of the reign of Alexander II. Today all parties are revolutionary, including the extremists. They have one common conviction—Russia must have a representative Government.

"I expect that some Government officials and officers of high rank will be among the revolutionaries will use their personal influence with the young Czar and show him that if he wants to enjoy immunity from attacks and go through the streets like Queen Victoria he has only to become a constitutional monarch. Why should the new Czar die of worry like his father?"

CHIFFA, November 3rd.

The issue of a manifesto by the party of the people's rights has led to numerous arrests, lists of the persons to whom copies were addressed through the post having been handed to the police. Nearly all the university students at Odessa, Kiev, Moscow and St. Petersburg are now under police observation. Large numbers of copies of the manifesto are being circulated secretly. From what can be learned from many different quarters the moderate and reasonable spirit of the document is producing a grave impression.

MILAN, November 3rd.

The *Secolo* publishes to-day a letter from Prince Alaisoff, a Russian Nihilist now in Lugano. He says that he learns from Nihilist sources, which are above suspicion as regards trustworthiness, that the Czar was poisoned with small doses of phosphorus. Alaisoff adds: "The saviours of Russia will be the safe."

LIVADIA, November 3rd.

Princess Alix was received formally into the Orthodox Church yesterday. After the ceremony she exchanged rings with her betrothed, Emperor Nicholas.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 3rd.

Czar Nicholas has issued the following manifesto:—

"To-day occurred the holy anointment of our bride in accordance with the orthodox ritual, to the comfort of ourselves and the whole of Russia, our bride receiving the name of Alexandra Feodorovna, with the title of Grand Duchess and Imperial Highness.

"Given at Livadia this 21st day of October (old style), in the first year of our reign.

"NICHOLAS."

It is said now that Princess Alix will not leave Russia after the funeral. She will go to Moscow on a visit to her sister, the Grand Duchess Sergius.

KIIV, November 3rd.

Enck's Comet is on its return. It has been refound by Professor Corulli at Termas. The comet is very faint.

LONDON, November 4th.

The American liner steamer *Herlin*, which arrived at Southampton to-day from New York, reports that she experienced the worst weather since 1877 on her last passage.

During five days the weather was especially bad. Tremendous seas swept her decks and the passengers were locked below part of the time. During the height of the storm the third officer, Bromley, was washed overboard and drowned. Two of the crew were dashed against the bulwarks and injured. The vessel sustained little damage.

November 4th.

A dispatch to the *Chronicle* from Vienna says the Russian Minister, Prince Peter Alaisoff, residing at Lugate, says that the Czar was gradually poisoned with small doses of phosphorus administered to him by Nihilists since March last.

The manager of the Empire Music Hall, who has managed to spite the Emperor's orders as safely as he could, has added that the whole Romanoff dynasty is doomed to a similar fate.

THE MINISTERIAL AUDIENCE IN PEKING.

THE SON OF HEAVEN IN EVIDENCE.

The following interesting account of the recent audience granted to the foreign Ministers by the Emperor of China in the Palace is from the pen of the *Peking* correspondent of our Shanghai morning contemporary.

The Ford in Representatives had their audience on the 1st inst. It took place on the afternoon of the 1st in the Wan-hu-chen. The presents were sent in on the previous day. The women of the Imperial household were in. Everything passed off nicely. The Chinese say the foreigners knelt and that one of the suits of the Emperor's robes was torn. The Emperor, the Dragon's countenance. The same was said of Sir Thomas Wade. The Emperor was simply notified in the *Peking Gazette*. There did not seem to be so much enthusiasm as about the earlier audiences. Had the country been extended, or rather we ought to say, had this right not been denied to the foreign Ministers twenty or thirty years ago, there would have been some indignance and satisfaction connected with it, but after such a lengthened struggle and with the Japanese invasion imminent and other possible complications it was deemed of all pleasure. The Chinese have themselves been the losers by their adherence to their conceited and arrogant policy. It is difficult to pity them now in the streets to witness their childlike diplomacy. Ignorance, suspicion and conceit have brought them to this. China has now become, if she has not always been, a veritable negligible quantity. All went in full uniform, except, of course, the American Minister, his Secretary and Interpreter, who, by the rules of the Republic, appear always in evening dress, which puzzles Orientals to understand. The Diplomatic Body was received by the Tzongli Yamen and conducted to a great tent where they all met afterwards each Legation was told off to its own tent. They all proceeded in green chairs and these were left outside the inside East Flower Gate. The audience hall selected is close to this gate. The courts were crowded with officials in attendance and bodies of soldiers were stationed at numerous points. The Ministers were allowed to carry side-arms, and spectacles were not forbidden. In fact, on the present occasion, the Ministers. Had it all their own way. The Emperor was seated, behind a raised dais with a lacquered screen behind him. He was dressed simply in a purple-blue robe with a dragon's head design and he wore a fur cap. He looked young, pale, amiable and not devoid of ability. His uncle, the sixth Prince, did the honours of the occasion. Each Legation was ushered into the presence in the order of their diplomatic appointments. Three bows of the head were the recognised salutation. The *Doyen* of course first flanked the Russian next the British, then German, French, Belgian, Swedish, Norwegian and Spanish. The absentees were the Italian, Dutch, and, of course, the Japanese Minister. Some of the interpreters had to go in more than once, as they assisted those without interpreters. They each advanced to a purple-blue robe with a dragon's head design and he wore a fur cap. 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